MEMO

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TO:

Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT:

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

BACKGROUND:

The 2004 RTP was adopted by the Regional Council in April 2004. As we move into high gear in the process of updating this RTP and ensure full compliance with the requirements of SAFETEA-LU, staff will be providing you an overview of the 2004 RTP so as to provide a context to discuss the focus areas for the upcoming amendment.

A power point presentation is attached to this memo to facilitate this discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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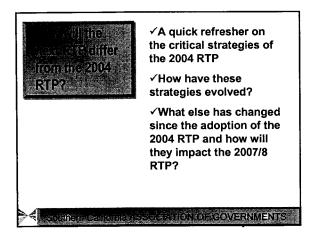
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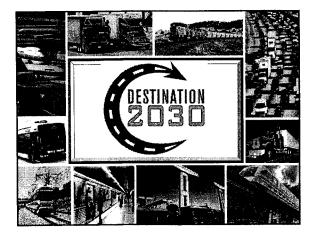
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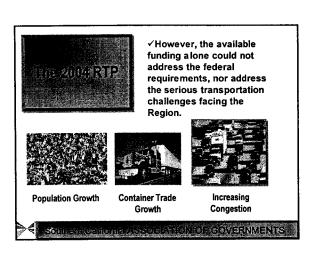


✓SCAG is required to update its RTP every four years.

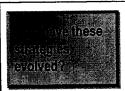
√The 2004 RTP addresses federal requirements, including air quality attainment

✓It allocates the public funds available for transportation to the best performing multimodal investments

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- The Compass Blueprint 2% Strategy is being refined by SCAG and its partner agencies
- 35 Demonstration projects have been initiated or completed
- Workshops have resumed to solicit more input from local communities
- In the 2007/8 RTP, expect to see:
 - More specific strategies
 - Local commitments
- Performance impacts
- Ultimately, the agreed-upon strategies should be integrated with local general plans





- System Management has now been adopted by FHWA, Caltrans, and several MPOs
- SCAG and its regional partners have committed to developing corridor system management plans as part of their submittals to the CTC for bond funds (CMIA)
- in the 2007/8 RTP, expect to see:

 Corridor-specific management and operations strategies

- operations strategles
 Funding commitments to operations
 and maintenance
 Specific delay reduction targets as
 submitted to the CTC
 Milestones for improving system
 management (e.g., detection,
 incident management, ramp
 metering, arterial signal
 coordination)

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- Public Private Initiatives are being evaluated further through multi-
- party studies:

 High Speed Rail Feasibility Study

 Multi-County Goods Movement
 Action Plan
- Business Case Analysis for major investment projects
- HOT Lane analyses
- Supporting legislation is also being discussed nationally and in Sacramento in the 2007/8 RTP, expect to see:

 Detailed financial analysis

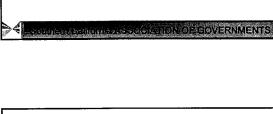
 Consensus among stakeholders

 Implementation steps based on business planning efforts



- The funding picture has improved to some extent:
 - Voters approved sales taxes for transportation in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange counties
 Prop 42 funding is more secure

 - I-Bond funding will provide additional near term funding for congestion relief, goods movement, and environmental mitigation
- In the 2007/8 RTP, expect to see:
 - Higher public funding levels for multi modal investments compared to the 2004 RTP





- Unfortunately, the costs for transportation projects has outpaced the revenue increases (e.g., due to commodity price increases) Additional air quality requirements (e.g., PM 2.5) have been legislated



For the 2007/8 RTP, this means tough choices will have to be made!!

